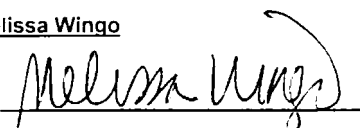


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In response to the Office Action of October 5, 2005, the Applicant [the Applicants (or collectively "the Applicant")] submits the following amendments and remarks.

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